

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Previously Presented) A device to hold a flexible substrate to be printed upon, the device comprising:

a static support structure; and

elongated support units, each has a bottom surface supported by said support structure, wherein said units are positioned remote from and substantially parallel to each other such that top surfaces of said units delineate a substantially convex profile in a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said units; and

a tensioning device integral to a feed and take-up device capable of moving said flexible substrate across said the support structure.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising a digital printing device including a plurality of print heads, said support structure being configured so as to provide one said flat region for each of said printing heads.

3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2, wherein said printing device is a digital four color process printer and said plurality of print heads includes four print heads.

4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are support bars.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 3, wherein said print heads are positioned such that when said flexible substrate is placed upon said support structure, portions of said flexible substrate that are stretched between said support units are located below said print heads.

6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support structure is a substantially continuous solid surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein when the substrate is positioned on the top surfaces, said tensioning device is capable of tensioning the flexible substrate along a feed path of the substrate.

8. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are rods.

12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are rollers.